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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN VOGLERS AND OTHER
DETAINEES

REF: HARRIS/CHAVCHAVADZE TELECOM 11-2-77

FOR THE CHARGE

1. THE WHITE HOUSE CALLED THE DEPT. TO INQUIRE (1)
WHAT IS BEING DONE TO SECURE THE RELEASE AND SAFE ENTRY INTO
THE U.S. FOR GUILLERMO AND LILIANA VOGLER AND (11) WHAT IS

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BEING DONE FOR OTHER ARGENTINE DETAINEES OF INTEREST TO

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2. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION 1, WE REPLIED THAT: (A) B3NA

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CASE OF THE DAUGHTER LILIANA IS MORE COMPLICATED BECAUSE
SHE IS BEING HELD UNDER PARALLELED DETENTION. HOWEVER THE

FACTS OF HER CASE ARE WELL UNDERSTOOD BY THE EMBASSY WHICH
IS ACTING AS AN ADVOCATE ON HER BEHALF WITH THE ARGENTINE
AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO SECURE HER RELEASE. EMBASSY ALSO
IS PRESSING FOR RELEASE FOR THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER CASES
OF CONGRESSIONAL AND U.S. INTEREST.

3. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION II, WE REPLIED THAT THE DEPT.
IS RECOMMENDING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL A HEMISPHERIC
AUTHORIZATION FOR UP TO 500 POLITICAL REFUGEES AND DETAIN-
EES FROM LATIN AMERICA (PLUS THEIR FAMILIES) TO BE
PROCESSED OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. SUCH AN AUTHORIZATION
WOULD PROVIDE POSTS IN LATIN AMERICA WITH A MEANS TO
ASSIST URGENT REFUGEE CASES, AS WELL AS DETAINEES OF
INTEREST TO THE U.S. SUCH AS THE VOGLERS.

4. COMMENTS AND FURTHER ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES THAT RATHER THAN TAKE THE LEAD, THE USG TAKE PART
IN AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO SECURE THE RELEASE AND
INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT OF ARGENTINE DETAINEES AS HAS
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BEEN DONE IN CHILE SINCE 1973. IN THIS REGARD THE UPCOMING
VISIT OF THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE NESSI TO BUENOS AIRES
COULD BE USED TO EXPLORE A POSSIBLE ROLE FOR THE ICRC
(STATE 263658). IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF
ICEM ASSUMING THE LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATING THE RELEASE
AND INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT OF ARGENTINE DETAINEES
COULD AT THIS TIME BEST BE EXPLORED IN BUENOS AIRES AMONG
EMBASSIES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS CONCERNED, SINCE WE UNDER-
STAND THAT A NUMBER OF EMBASSIES ARE ALREADY INVOLVED. IF

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EMBASSY CONCURS, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ICEM, ICRC AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TAKING THE LEAD WITH CONCERNED EMBASSIES, THE PAPAL NUNCIO AND WHATEVER OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, WITH THE OBJECTIVE BEING THEIR TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN PRESENTING THE PROBLEM TO ICEM, ICRC, AND THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. AS DEVELOPMENTS ARISE, WE ARE PREPARED TO COORDINATE SUCH INITIATIVES WITH THE GENEVA HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, AS PART OF A U.S. GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN EFFORT.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COMMEND EMBASSY FOR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE VOGLERS AND OTHER DETAINEES AND WELCOMES COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE. VANCE

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